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7 August 1950

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to be
re-written*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Executive

SUBJECT: JIC M5/1 (wartime status of CIA)

REFERENCE: Memo from Acting Executive dated 7 August

1. In view of the fact that the JIC paper has been approved, we think it is on its way to the JCS so that a short simple memorandum should be sent immediately to Secretary of Defense Johnson to forestall JCS formal action.

2. It is recommended, therefore, that the following memorandum be sent today to the Secretary of Defense instead of the longer one. Furthermore, we think that the longer one must be coordinated with OGC before it is sent out to Defense.

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shown to*

DRAFT MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

1. I understand that the Joint Intelligence Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JIC M5/1 dated 25 July 1950) approved a draft report on the wartime status and responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency and its field officers, together with a proposed revision of National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 5.

2. It is believed that these papers are in some respects contrary to CIA's statutory responsibilities and those responsibilities under the existing directives. CIA was not represented in the discussions leading up to the preparation and approval of the JIC M5/1, nor have we been afforded any opportunity to submit comments or recommendations. I believe it is obvious that any paper relating so directly to our specific Agency responsibilities should be completely coordinated with us prior to action on the part of any agency in the Department of Defense.

3. Accordingly, I am addressing this memorandum to you to ensure that final action will not be taken within the Department of Defense without your full knowledge of my views.

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4. I should be glad to discuss this matter with a representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and shall provide you with more detailed views as well as with a draft for revising HRCIB No. 5, considered by this Agency to more nearly meet essential requirements of Agency responsibilities than those set forth in the draft proposed by the JIC.

PRESGOTT CHILDS, Chief
Coordination, Operations
and Policy Staff

cc: General Counsel
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